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## Our Lady of Lebanon Church

(Maronite Catholic Rite)

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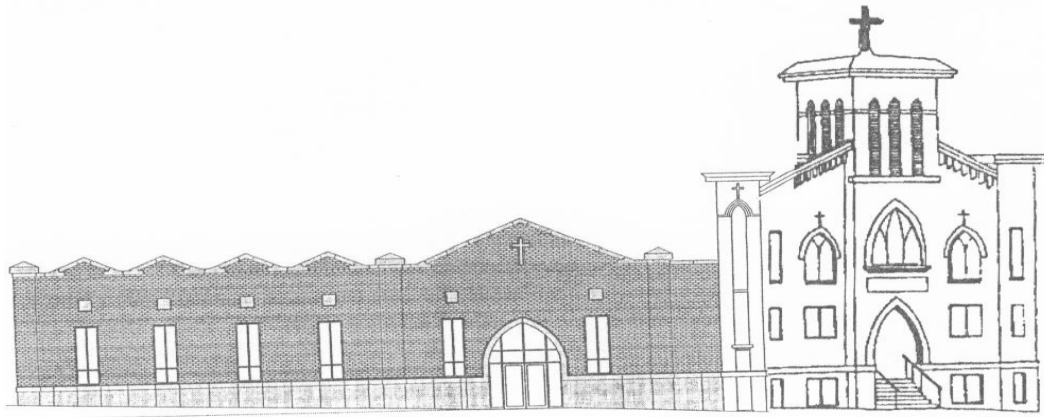
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## Epiphany Season Sunday of the Priests



### Schedule of Divine Liturgies

- \*Weekend Masses: Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. [Rosary & Litany start at 10:10 a.m.]
- \*Weekday Masses: **At Noon.** Please refer to the Mass schedule on page 3 of this bulletin for Mass times and changes due to special events. Thank you for your cooperation.
- \*Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament: Every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month at 3:30 p.m. & 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Communion
- \*Miraculous Medal Novena: Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at 10:00 a.m.
- \*Reconciliation: Saturday: 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. or any other time by appointment
- \*Baptism: Kindly phone the Pastor as soon as the baby is born. Godparents must be Catholics.
- \*Weddings: Please make arrangements at least six months in advance before any other plans are made.
- \*Sick Calls & Anointing of the Sick: Please notify the pastor any time at (304) 233-1688
- \*Parish Council: Lou Khourey 277-3230, Linda Duffy 242-6853, Tom George 336-7142, P.J. Lenz 242-5606 and Carol Dougherty (740) 782-0146
- \*Choir Members: Rita Thomas Strawn, Shirley George, Allison Duffy, George Thomas, Ted Olinski, Earl Duffy, Lou Khourey, Robert Vawter, Jody & Abbie Seabright, Tracey Dierkes
- \*Altar Boys: Louie Khourey & Dalton Haas
- \*Cedar Club: Linda Duffy, President 242-6853
- \*Women's Society: Sandra Dusick, President 232-7395



- \*Remember the Church in your Last Will – Her prayers will accompany you to heaven
- \*Please support Our Lady of Lebanon Church by patronizing our Advertisers
- \*If you support the Church and need a Bulletin mailed to you, please call the Rectory
- \***Bulletin Announcements:** Submit all Bulletin Information to Fr. Bakhos. Deadline: Every Tuesday by Noon
- \***New Parishioners:** We welcome you with great joy and invite you to be officially listed as one of our parishioners
- \***Parking:** Saturday & Sunday – all spaces are for parishioners; Monday through Friday – park ONLY in the 3 ALLEY spaces

## *Gospel Reflection: Sunday of the Priests*

*Readings: 1Tim 4:6-16 & Lk 12:42-48*

### **You Are a Priest Forever**

“To love in the midst of the world without wishing its pleasures;  
To be a member of each family, yet belonging to none;  
To share all sufferings;  
To penetrate all secrets;  
To heal all wounds;  
To go from men to God and offer him their prayers;  
To return from God to men to bring pardon and hope;  
To have a heart of fire or charity and a heart of bronze for chastity;  
To teach and to pardon, console and bless always;  
What a glorious life! And it is yours, O Priest of Jesus Christ.”

### *From the Desk of the Pastor*

Dear Parishioners,

I want to compliment you for your faith and commitment to our miraculous church. You and your children should be praised for honoring the *Commandments of the Church* written for the salvation of your souls. These commandments are as follows:

- 1- You shall attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
- 2- You shall confess your sins at least once a year.
- 3- You shall humbly receive the Lord Jesus in Holy Communion at least during the Easter season.
- 4- You shall observe the Holy Days of Obligation.
- 5- You shall observe the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence.
- 6- The faithful have the obligation of supporting the Church.

Reflecting on the first commandment, it is our duty to go to church on Saturdays/Sundays to pray and thank the Lord for the many graces we received from Him. It is a sinful act to stay in bed until noon on the Lord' day and watch TV. The Lord who suffered and died for us on the Cross to pay our debt and save us from the slavery of Satan is waiting for us at the church to nourish us with his Body and Blood in Communion. He invited us to his heavenly banquet and he will rejoice to see our faces on Sundays. His heart hurts when we give priority to any other invitations by family or friends for lunch or dinner or sport. When we attend the church, we listen to the voice of God in the Gospel and share in the celebration with the community and we bring home the blessing from the altar. Our faith strengthens when we are together and pray, “Our Father...” while alone we could not pray, “My Father...”

Reflecting on the last commandment, I would like to compliment you also for taking excellent care of the church in happy occasions as well as in sad ones. I am delighted to hear many of you saying, “instead of buying flowers during funerals, I want to support my church.” In the same token, others become more attentive to the needs of the church like covering the cost of electricity, gas, maintenance, office and kitchen supplies... especially when they use the new Cedar Hall for a wedding or Mercy Meal. It is encouraging to be aware that the church is our second home and it is our responsibility to donate regularly to maintain her and keep her in good shape. I feel that all of you are currently taking pride of belonging to our beautiful and functional church. Yes indeed, you shared in one way or another in the great achievement, but your continuous financial support secures the church in the long run.

God gave us freedom to worship Him while in other so-called religions people are forced to worship. As your pastor, it is my duty to bring these matters to your attention so that one day you don't stand before the throne of God and feel embarrassed. I am proud of you because you inspire me and you deserve to be served in the best way possible. It is my eighth year here in Wheeling and I hope to serve you all my life with all my strength. I pray that my joy in you be complete always.

--Fr. Bakhos

## ***Mass Intentions***

### **THIS WEEKEND, January 31- February 1: "Sunday of the Priests"**

#### **Saturday, January 31 at 4:00 p.m.:**

Ida Lewis by her husband George & Family

Mary & Andrew Demsko (Birthday) by their daughter Rosemary Cornish

#### **Sunday, February 1 at 10:30 a.m.:**

Living and Deceased Members of the Nicholas & Nimnoon Ghaphery Family & the David

Abraham Ghaphery Family by the Ghaphery Family

Sally Malatinski & John Dusick Families by Sandra Dusick

### **Weekday Masses**

**Monday, February 2:** No Mass. Pastor's Day off

**Tuesday, February 3:** No Mass. Pastor's Day off

#### **Wednesday, February 4 at Noon:**

Sonny Hancher by Robert & Betty Wheeler

Lena Joseph by Mrs. Esther Khoury

#### **Thursday, February 5 at Noon:**

Steve and Margaret Schlog (Birthday) by Bob & Fran Saseen

Sonny Hancher by Bettie Jane Fadoul & John

#### **Friday, February 6 at Noon:**

Sonny Hancher by Earl, Linda & Allison Duffy

Lena Joseph by Josephine Joseph

### **NEXT WEEKEND, February 7-8: "Sunday of the Righteous and Just"**

#### **Saturday, February 7: (Benediction and Mass)**

**3:30 p.m.:** Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

**4:00 p.m.:** Phil Miller, Jr., by his godmother Peggy Shalvey

Frances Linton (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary) by Mike & Sue Linton

#### **Sunday, February 8 at 10:30 a.m.: (Mass followed by Benediction)**

Dale Seidler Sr., by his wife Nettie and Family

Kenny Hill by Bill & Carol Dougherty

## ***I Want to Help the Church – What Can I Do?***

### **1- Help with the Church Painting Fund**

It has been about 20 years since the church was last painted and it needs done at this time. The scaffolding, patching and painting will start when we raise the cost of painting, which is \$30,000 according to the estimate we have received. The Blessed Mother will help us once more to raise funds to brighten her church (we hope by May or June 2009) as we raised the \$1.5 million to construct our new hall. All donations will be earmarked toward the "Church Painting Fund." A special plaque will be mounted in the church stating: **"Please remember in your prayer these benefactors who painted the church in 2009"**. By now most of our active generous parishioners should have received a letter of solicitation concerning the painting project of the church. Please once more make the difference and offer a tax deductible contribution and become a member of this prayer list. Thank you for your cooperation and generosity.

#### **The Generous Benefactors who painted the church in 2009: (Total Raised: \$13,881.00)**

*Nancy Joseph (\$100), Manell Brice (\$500), Mike Sobota (Memorial) (\$635), Paul & Irene Schuler (\$100), Charles Mattes (brother of Betty Shia) [MD] (\$500), Betty Shia (\$500), Cedar Club (Pre-Holiday Sales) \$1,150, Rose Karsten (MN) (\$20), Bob & Fran Saseen (\$100), Millie & Sister Jeanne Vidonic (\$50), Rob & Mary Thomas (OH) (\$40), Robert & Virginia Pockl (\$100), Tom Ferris (\$25), Mary Custer (\$108), Denny Albaugh (\$25), Sylvia Long (\$100), Joseph & Carmella (Babe) Dallison (\$100), A Friend (\$100), Anna Jalad*

(\$100), Shirley Dietz (\$500), Mike & Maryann Carl (\$1,000), Women's Society 50/50 Fundraising (\$93), Joe & Nikki Popovich (\$100), Kenny & Nancy Joseph (\$500), Evelyn Ghaphery (\$300), Mark & Barb McLaughlin (\$50), Bill & Carol Dougherty (\$500), Dr. Joe Palmer (\$100), Joann Hill (\$50), Robert & Lois Hammond (\$100), Jim & Sue Brubach (\$100), Anonymous parishioners (\$200), Fred & Debbie Shia (\$100), Rosella Saseen (3,000 pledge), John John Memorial (\$305), Annette Togliatti [OH] (\$20), Salem David [CT] (\$15), Susan & Dominique George (\$100), Lou & Marge John (\$200), Dr. Samy Sakla (\$100), Rose Mary White (\$25), Thomasina Geimer (\$100), Dr. & Mrs. Rajai Khoury (\$100), Mike & Nicole Breit [NC] (\$50), Donald Fielding [FL] (\$150), Randy Weisner (\$500), Barbara Joseph [FL] (\$500), Evelyn Goodson (\$100), Rose Vargo (\$100), Ron & Kim Gibbons (\$30), Mike & Sue Linton (\$150), Tom Ferris (\$100), Women Society (\$65), Al & Josephine Weidman (\$25), Frank & Anna Marie Duymich (\$25), Charles Sleeme [FL] (\$25), Emily Vince (\$50),

### **2- Help with the Endowment Fund to Keep Our Church Open and Alive (Total Raised: \$325)**

Fr. Bakhos opened at Main Street Bank an Endowment Fund CD account exclusively for our church maintenance for the years to come. Many parishioners –primarily those who have no one to inherit their property or money– are willing to donate all or part of their assets to the church. These earmarked donations will be saved in this Endowment Fund. Only the yearly interest will be withdrawn and spent to pay for church utilities and general maintenance.

We understand that some members of our community cannot support our church as they would like to because of the need to retain funds for their retirement years. But after their death, their donation can bring stability and security to the future of the church. All benefactors will be enrolled in the daily Mass offering. Please put into writing in your will as Fr. Eugene Jacobs did. The following is suggested wording:

*(I, ..... , hereby give, devise and bequeath the sum of \$...... (or specify described real or personal property) to the Church of Our Lady of Lebanon, a non-profit organization located at 2216 Eoff Street, Wheeling, WV 26003. I want my donation to be deposited in the Endowment Fund account designated to maintain and support the church. I also wish to be enrolled as benefactor in the daily Mass intentions.)* We thank each of the following individuals for their generous contribution to this Endowment Fund.

*Bill & Mary Stees (\$200), Tom Ferris (\$25), Sylvia Long (\$100),*

### **3- Leave a permanent Memorial on the Cedar Tree of Life & Golden Cedar Book**

The Cedar Tree of Life, designed by Fr. Bakhos and manufactured by the Baum Company of New Jersey, is a piece of art in the new building addition which allows you to permanently designate a memorial for you or a loved one for a donation of \$500 or more. It is made out of cedar wood that links us to the Cedar of Lebanon –used in the Temple of Solomon in Jerusalem. Most brass leaves are sold, only few are still available. Contact the parish office and engrave your Memorial on a brass leaf and you will also gain daily prayers from the altar of our church. Donations of lesser amounts will be listed in the Golden Cedar Book.

Donation	
\$500	<b>Alexandrite Leaf</b> offered by Rich Lucas of Main Street Bank honoring Fr. Bakhos (1.10.09)
\$250	<b>Topaz Leaf</b> by Richard & Mary Ryncarz (Shadyside) (1.15.2009)
\$1,100	<b>Alexandrite Leaf</b> in Memory of John John from Renee & Edward Beabout, Louanna & Steve Mohle, Jennifer John, Trisha & Lou John II, Karen & Joseph John, Marge & Lou John (1.16.2009)
\$400	Altmeyer Funeral Home (1.23.2009)

### **4- Wish List for Our Lady of Lebanon Church**

Please share your blessings and sponsor any of the below needed items:

- a- A used grill for our Mahrajan and future church steak fry from General Rental (\$700)
- May the generous benefactors receive their reward many fold.

## *Our Lady of Lebanon Community Calendar*

Sunday, February 1	<b>Super Bowl Party</b> – Cedar Hall opens at 5:30 p.m.; Game begins at 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, February 5	<b>Reverse Raffle &amp; Dinner</b> – Cocktails & Hors D'oeuvres at 6; Dinner at 7 p.m.
Friday, February 6	<b>Fr. Bakhos' Birthday Celebration &amp; Covered Dish Dinner</b> – 6:00 p.m.
Monday, February 9	<b>Cedar Club Meeting</b> – 7:00 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 14–Fri., Feb. 20	<b>Week of Faithful Departed Masses</b>
Fri. & Sat., Feb. 20 & 21	<b>Soup &amp; Hoagie Sale</b> – Feb. 20, 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m. and Feb. 21, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Monday, February 23	<b>Ash Monday</b>
Fridays of Lent: February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3, 10	<b>Stations of the Cross, Benediction, Reflections, Light Dinner</b>
Sunday, February 22	<b>Women's Society 50/50 Painting Fund Raffle Drawing</b> – after 10:30 a.m. Mass
Sunday, March 22	<b>St. Maron Lebanese Dinner</b> – 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 29	<b>Bingo Night</b> – 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 5	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
Thursday, April 9	<b>Holy Thursday &amp; Washing of the Feet of the Apostles</b>
Friday, April 10	<b>Good Friday</b>
Sunday, April 12	<b>Easter Sunday</b>
Sunday, April 12	<b>Spring Lebanese Bake Sale – Order Deadline</b>
Sun.-Thur., April 19-23	<b>Spring Lebanese Bake Sale – Work Days</b> (11:30 a.m. Sun.; M-Th at 9:00 a.m.)
Sunday, April 19	<b>Work Concession Stand at Wheeling Airport</b> – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sunday, May 17	<b>Spring Spaghetti Dinner</b> – 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, August 9	<b>2009 Mahrajan</b>

### ***Super Bowl Party In Our Cedar Hall*** (Sunday, February 1, Hall opens at 5:30 p.m.)

Parishioners and friends are invited to come and watch the Super Bowl game on our 15 x 15 feet Screen in our new Cedar Hall on Sunday, February 1st. Bring whatever you would like to eat and drink for your group. Watch the Pre-game show while you "Tailgate" and eat at 5:30 p.m. Game starts at 6:30 p.m. A free will donation will be collected at the event to help pay for cleaning, etc.

### ***First Maronite Reverse Raffle Dinner*** (Thursday, February 5, at 6:00 p.m.)

Our 1<sup>st</sup> Maronite Reverse Raffle and Dinner scheduled for Thursday, February 5, at the Wheeling Country Club. Cocktails and Hors D'oeuvres begin at 6:00 p.m.; a sit-down dinner at 7:00 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Church Building Maintenance Fund. Come and experience the excitement of the night. Winners need not be present.

**Deadline to purchase dinner tickets is – Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>** (purchase Raffle tickets up to drawing)

**Costs are:** \$ 50.001 Raffle Ticket only  
\$ 75.001 Dinner & 1 Raffle Ticket  
\$100.002 Dinners & 1 Raffle Ticket

**For tickets:** Call Mickey (Joseph) Morgan at 304-277-1642, Lois Rutter at 304-242-3922; or

- 1) complete the attached order form
- 2) Make your check payable to: **Our Lady of Lebanon Church** with "Memo Line:" **Reverse Raffle**
- 3) Mail both the form and the check to:

**Our Lady of Lebanon Church or**  
**"Attention, Reverse Raffle"**  
**2216 Eoff Street**  
**Wheeling, WV 26003**

**Linda Duffy**  
**"Attention, Reverse Raffle"**  
**43 Garland Avenue**  
**Wheeling, WV 26003**

## **Fr. Bakhos' Birthday Celebration & Dinner** (Friday, February 6, at 6:00 p.m.)

Bring a covered dish and join the Cedar Club in our Cedar Hall on Friday, February 6, at 6:00 p.m. to celebrate the birthday of our beloved priest Fr. Bakhos. The Cedar Club will provide the Chicken and Cake. Please call Nini Miller at 243:0057 to coordinate which covered dish to bring.

## **Cedar Club Meeting** (Monday, February 9, at 7:00 p.m.)

Come to the Cedar Club meeting on Monday, February 9, at 7:00 p.m. The hostesses for the evening will be Cecilia & Susan John. Come and enjoy!

## **Vocation Discernment Week** (February 13-15)

"The Vocation Office of our Eparchy would like to announce the second Vocation Discernment Weekend that will be held at the Maronite Seminary in Washington DC. On February 13-15. All young men, college age and older are encouraged to attend this weekend. For information, contact Fr. Sharbel Maroun at [Abouna@stmaron.com](mailto:Abouna@stmaron.com) or Fr. Armando ElKhoury at [father@saintrafka.org](mailto:father@saintrafka.org)

## **Week of the Faithful Departed** (Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, to Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>)

Think of how anxious you'll be to be remembered in the Masses and prayers of your relatives and friends when you die. All of us hope and pray that we'll never be forgotten ... that our loved ones will pray to God for us every day.

Well, your deceased relatives and friends are just as anxious for you to pray for them at Mass and in your prayers. They are depending upon God's mercy and your good works to bring about their union with the Holy Trinity, our Blessed Mother and all the saints.

Make up your mind now ... today to pray for the dead. Try to give some time to them every day. However brief it may be nothing will help them more or please them more. Pray for the dead as you would want others to pray for you after your death. Remember ... "It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead." You can be sure that your prayers ... your sacrifices for the dead will be rewarded when they join the Community of Saints and speak to God in your behalf.

### **All Masses will be offered for the Repose of the Souls of the followings:**

*Deceased family members of Fr. Bakhos Chidiac*

*Deceased members of the Habib Khourey family by Virginia Khourey Bryan*

*Deceased of the Nader, Khourey & Howard families by Lou & Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey*

*Deceased members of Kay Garvey Family by Kay Garvey*

*Deceased members of the Jacobs & Dusick Families by Sandra Dusick*

*Deceased members of the Long & Condelli Families by Sylvia Long*

*Mary K. Ferris by Thomas & Denise Ferris*

*Deceased members of the Abdo H. & Mary Zaid Ferris by Thomas & Denise Ferris*

*Robert L. Rose by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt & Family*

*Deceased of the Sengewalt & Sharp Families by the Sengewalt Family*

*Andrew & Mary Demsko by their daughter Rosemary Cornish*

*The Habdo & Dougherty Families by Bill & Carol Dougherty*

*Joseph, Victoria, Minnie & John John by Marge & Lou John*

*John & Mariam Keegan by Marge & Lou John*

*Deceased family members of Thomasina Geimer*

*Deceased members of the Jalad Family & Przelenski Family by Irene Schuler*

*Deceased members of the Fadoul & Bentz Families by Millet & Susie Fadoul*

*Deceased members of the Cybulski, Hancher & Sengewalt Families by Millet & Susie Fadoul*

*Barkett & Sadie Coury by their children and families*

*Deceased of the Coury & Aowad Families by Lucille Coury Gibbons & Family*

*Husband Roland & members of John Family by Julia Tappe*

*Thomas Jalad and Simon & Fannie DeDomenico by Anna Jalad*

*John F. Kukula by Mary Rose Kukula & Family*

*Deceased members of the Cater Family by Mary Ann Cater & Rob Vawter*

*Deceased members of the Vawter Family by Mary Ann Cater & Rob Vawter*

## ***Soup & Hoagie Sale*** (Fri., Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, from 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m. & Sat., Feb. 21, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.)

Let's chase away those winter blues and take a break from cooking! The ladies of Our Lady of Lebanon are having a **Soup and Hoagie Sale** on Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, from 10:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. **and** Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. You will be able to purchase and pick up from our church hall an assortment of delicious hoagie sandwiches and homemade soups to eat at home or stock the soup in your freezer to enjoy another day.

**New this year:** We will also have desserts (*cake, pie, brownies, cookies, Lebanese treat, etc.*) available for you to take home from our **Bake Sale Table** so you can enjoy them with your soup and hoagies. (Donors are asked to bring desserts Thursday, February 19, between 9:00 a.m. and Noon or on Friday and Saturday, February 20 and 21, between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m.)

***Dessert donors include:*** Nesrin AlKhouri, Carol Dougherty, Kay Garvey, Roberta Henning, Anna Jalad, Nancy Joseph, Emmalena Khourey, Mary Lish, Frances Saseen, Nettie Seidler, Rita Strawn, Mary Thomas, ??]

**Here's how the Soup Sale works:** We're asking for church volunteers to make and donate a batch of your favorite soup using your largest soup kettle. We'll supply containers and labels featuring your soup's name. All soups should be ordered in advance and will be available for take-out purchase with or without hoagie sandwiches. Please help out by calling Charlotte at 277-3230 or at the church office 233-1688 and pledging to make your favorite soup available for this sale. **Bring your soup on Thursday, February 19, between 9:00 a.m. and noon or on Friday, February 20, between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m.**

***Soup donors include:*** Fr. Bakhos Chidiac, Marsha Dellget, Carol Dougherty, Linda Duffy, Sandra Dusick, Diane Frenn, Roberta Henning, Anna Jalad, Mary Lish, Nancy Joseph, Fran Saseen, Nettie Seidler, Rita Strawn, Julia Tappe, Mary Thomas, Jean Weisner.

**(Note:** We have a request for someone to once again offer Turkey Noodle Soup and would like to have one more person willing to make Potato Soup because it was one of our most popular soups last year. If you can make and donate either soup, please call Charlotte at the church office 233-1688 or at home 277-3230)

Soups which will be available **at \$6.00 for a 32 oz. quart container & \$4.00 for a 16 oz pint container are:** *New England Clam Chowder and Stuffed Pepper Soup*

Soups which will be available **at \$5.00 for a 32 oz. quart container & \$3.00 for a 16 oz. pint container are:** *Broccoli & Cheese, Chicken & Rice Soup, Chicken Noodle Soup, Chilli, Fasolia (Lebanese Bean Soup-meatless), Ham & Bean Soup, Italian Wedding Soup, Lentil Soup, Maghrabeyah (Lebanese Chicken Soup), Potato Soup, Vegetable Beef Soup, Beef & Multi Vegetable Soup*

**Here's how the Hoagie Sandwich Sale works:** The famous hoagie sandwiches –made by Don Henning, retired owner of Don's Corner Market– should be ordered in advance and will be available for purchase during the sale with or without the purchase of soup.

**Hoagies will cost \$5.50 each** and you may choose: (1) *Ham & Swiss Hoagie*, (2) *Italian Hoagie* and (3) *Turkey & Cheese Hoagie*

Please pre-order a specific a kind and quantity of soup and/or hoagie sandwich by using the **“Soup & Hoagie Sale Order Form,”** in our available weekly bulletins and at the church entrance. You may also place your order by calling the church office at (304) 233-1688. Completed Order Forms may also be faxed to the Church Office at (304) 233-4714. **Orders are due by: Sunday, February 15.** Payment in advance is greatly appreciated. ***All Soups, Hoagies and desserts will be available on a take-out basis only.***

Proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit the Church Painting Fund. Men and women of the parish can help make this sale a success by sharing your time, talents and treasure. **Call the office at 233-1688 to volunteer.**

(1) **Volunteer to cook and donate your favorite soup**

(2) **Volunteer to make and donate a dessert for our Bake Sale Table**

(3) **Volunteer Thursday, February 19, to prep ingredients** for the hoagies from 9 a.m. to Noon  
[*Thursday volunteers include: Carol Dougherty, Sandra Dusick, Don & Roberta Henning, Anna Jalad, Rita Strawn, Julia Tappe, Mary Thomas, ??*]

(4) **Volunteer Friday, February 20, to help during the sale** from 10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
[*Friday volunteers include: Carol Dougherty, Sandra Dusick, Thomasina Geimer, Don & Roberta Henning, Charlotte Khourey, Nettie Seidler, Mary Thomas, ??* ]

(5) **Volunteer Saturday, February 21 to help during the sale** from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
[*Saturday volunteers include: Carol Dougherty, Sandra Dusick, Kay Garvey, Don & Roberta Henning, Charlotte Khourey, Mary Lish, Mary Thomas, ??* ]

(6) Distribute or post flyers announcing our event

(7) Purchase some of our scrumptious homemade soups, Don's delicious famous Hoagies and/or some of our mouth-watering desserts from our Bake Sale Table

(8) Get orders for us from your friends, neighbors and co-workers

### ***Stations of the Cross, Reflection & Light Dinner*** (Friday, February 27)

Every Friday during Lent, we celebrate the Mass at 5:30 p.m., Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m., and Spiritual Reflections at 6:30 p.m. followed by Benediction of the Cross. The Spiritual Reflections series will feature a different speaker every Friday.

Many thanks to the the Cedar Club members who will sponsor the first Lenten Meal on Friday, February 27, following the Friday prayers. We encourage other generous families, to join our two church organizations, to host the light meal following the Friday prayers. (Desserts each Friday will be provided by the Cedar Club who will also provide the light meal on Good Friday.)

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Volunteers:</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Friday, February 27 <sup>th</sup>	Spiritual Reflection by: ??? Light Meal Family Sponsor: The Cedar Club
2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday, March 6 <sup>th</sup>	Spiritual Reflection by: ??? Light Meal Family Sponsor: Sandra Dusick, Kay Garvey, Julia Tappe
3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday, March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Spiritual Reflection by: ??? Light Meal Family Sponsor: MaryAnn Cater
4 <sup>th</sup> Friday, March 20 <sup>th</sup>	Spiritual Reflection by: ??? Light Meal Family Sponsor: ???
5 <sup>th</sup> Friday, March 27 <sup>th</sup>	Spiritual Reflection by: ??? Light Meal Family Sponsor: Carol Dougherty, Fran Saseen, Jean Weisner
6 <sup>th</sup> Friday, April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Spiritual Reflection by: ??? Light Meal Family Sponsor: Anna Jalad, Rita Strawn, Mary Thomas
7 <sup>th</sup> Friday, April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Spiritual Reflection by: ??? Light Meal Family Sponsor: The Cedar Club

### ***40 Day Mass for John John*** (Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m.)

### ***Gift Basket Raffle Drawing*** (Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, at the St. Maron Dinner)

A "Homemakers Gift Basket" of kitchen items will be the theme for our next Gift Basket Raffle (on white paper). The drawing will be held at the St. Maron Lebanese Dinner on Sunday, March 22. This basket will contain: *a salt mill, an 8 oz. pkg. of chocolate Raspberry decaf coffee, a sample-size pkg. of cinnamon hazelnut coffee, kitchen utensils, a dish washing brush, 2 dish cloths, 2 potholders, 2 dish towels, 2 sets of plastic food storage containers, a manual can opener, a chicken roasting stand,*

The Gift Baskets Raffle is sponsored by the Women's Society and tickets are available now at the church entrance, in our weekly Bulletin, at our upcoming St. Maron Dinner or call Kay at 232-0492. Tickets cost \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 or you can **triple your chances of winning by sending in 18 ticket stubs at one time for only \$10.00** (3 sheets of tickets).

Buy or sell the tickets, and return the completed stubs as soon as possible in the collection or by mail to: Our Lady of Lebanon Church, 2216 Eoff Street, Wheeling, WV 26003. Please write: Gift Basket Raffle on the "Memo" line if you pay by check (or write it on the envelope if you return your payment in the weekly collection).

For more information, contact the church office at (304) 233-1688. Your generosity and cooperation enhances our Church. Congratulations to the December "Christmas" Gift Basket winner: Mary Custer who supports both our raffles weekly.

### **St. Maron Lebanese Dinner** (Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.)

Mark your calendar with the date for our St. Maron Lebanese Dinner. Help is needed in many areas to make this Dinner a success. Please volunteer to work by calling either Linda at 242-6853 or Carol at (740) 782-0146 or you may call the church office at 233-1688. Proceeds will benefit the Church Building Maintenance Fund. Tickets will be available soon.

**Menu:** *baked kibbee, stuffed grape leaves, luban, lubee, chicken & rice, hummus, salad, pita bread, dessert and beverage*

**St. Maron Dinner Baked Goods Sale:** A Baked Goods Sale will also be held featuring a variety of delicious homemade pastries and other baked goods (cakes, cookies, pies, candy, breads, Lebanese specialties, etc.) made by our parishioners. After you have enjoyed a wonderful meal, please plan to stop by our table at the Baked Goods Sale and purchase some fabulous treats to take home!

**Donations for the St. Maron Baked Goods Sale:** We are asking all our generous parishioners to help make this a successful dinner by preparing and donating one (or even two) of your favorite homemade pastries for our St. Maron Lebanese Dinner Baked Goods Sale (especially if you are talented with making Lebanese items). With your help, we will have another great bake sale this year! Thank you in advance for your generosity, effort and time! Please plan to drop-off your donation between 3:30 and 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 21<sup>ST</sup>, or between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you would like to schedule an alternative drop-off time, please call the church at 233-1688.

**St. Maron Dinner Food Preparation:** Please plan to share your time and talent in service to our church the week beginning Monday, March 16 (*specific days and times will be listed in a future bulletin*). Please volunteer to work by calling Carol at (740) 782-0146 or Linda at (304) 242-6853 or the Church Office at 233-1688. We welcome everyone who is available to help and thank you in advance for your time.

### **Bingo Night** (Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.)

The Cedar Club is sponsoring a BINGO Night on Sunday, March 29, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. The event will be held in our Old Basement Hall and will also include a "Cookie Jar" prize.

### **Spring Lebanese Bake Sale** (Order By: Sunday, April 12; Pick Up Orders: April 22-23)

<b>Order Deadline</b>	Sunday, April 12
Spinach Preparation	Sunday, April 19, 11:30 a.m.
Baking to Fill Orders	Monday to Thursday, April 20-23, 9:00 a.m.
<b>Order Pick Up Dates</b>	Wednesday & Thursday, April 22 & 23

Spring Lebanese Bake Sale Order Forms will be available soon. The Women's Society of our Church has scheduled its Spring Lebanese Bake Sale of Spinach Pies, Meat Pies, Sweet (*Sesame*) Bread, and Zattar Bread. Completed order forms should be returned by mail or place it in the collection basket.

All those who helped in the past are asked to help us again on the baking days listed above. Please come and join in the camaraderie! **Note:** Please save large clean paper grocery bags for use in packing our orders.

### **Whg. Airport Concession Stand Work** (Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.)

The Cedar Club will work the Concession Stand at the Wheeling Ohio County Airport during a Swap Meet and Craft Sale being held on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. ("rain date" is Sunday, April 26). For this to be successful, all food along with cases of cans of pop and cases of water (12 or 16 oz. size) will need to be donated in order to make a profit. (If you are unable to shop for the pop and water, monetary

donations will be accepted.) We are asking all bakers of the parish to prepare some pastries or other baked goods for the concession stand. Your baked items can be brought to the church hall on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Remember this is for the parish and all funds raised will be designated for the Church Building Maintenance Fund. If you have any questions or need other information call Linda Duffy at 242-6853 or Luane at 242-7437.

## **Spaghetti Dinner** (Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.)

Mark your calendars now and plan to enjoy our Spring Spaghetti Dinner served in our Church Hall following Mass Sunday, May 17. Chairperson Tom George and our parishioners invite you and your friends to come and enjoy our food and hospitality. Help our Church make this our best Spaghetti Dinner yet! Invite your friends, co-workers and neighbors to attend. Every dollar of profit earned will be used for our Church Building Maintenance Fund. **Notes:**

1. Advance Ticket Sales: If you are able & willing to help sell tickets to make our dinner a tremendous success, please call our Church office. Unsold tickets & payments must be returned by Sunday, May 11.
2. Parishioners are being asked to ***please bake and donate a dessert for use at the dinner*** so that we may offer a variety of choices to go with the meal.
3. Parishioners are also being asked to help make our ***Baked Goods Sale*** –held simultaneously with the dinner– a huge success. Please make and donate an item–cookies, cake, pie, fudge, candy, Lebanese treat, etc.
4. Please save large, clean paper grocery or shopping bags and bring them to the Church any weekend so that we may use them to pack bake sale and "to go" orders.
5. If you can volunteer to work for the Spaghetti Dinner or have questions, please call the Church office at 233-1688.

**Menu:** Spaghetti and Meatballs or Marinara Sauce, Salad, Roll, Dessert & choice of Coffee, Ice Tea or Lemonade. (Beer & pop are available a la carte.)

**Tickets:** \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 12; will be available soon from the Church office at – 233-1688 or at the door.

## **Monthly 50/50 Raffle** (Drawings: Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>)

The Women's Society continues to sponsor the Monthly 50/50 Raffle. Tickets cost \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Proceeds will now be designated to the benefit the Church Painting Fund.

The drawing from entries received **from the February tickets** (printed on salmon paper) are provided at the church entrance and in the weekly church bulletin will take place in the Cedar Hall after Mass on **Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

Buy or sell the tickets, and return the completed stubs as soon as possible in the collection or mail to: Our Lady of Lebanon Church, 2216 Eoff Street, Wheeling, WV 26003. Please write as "Memo": 50/50 Raffle.

For more information or additional tickets, contact the church office at (304) 233-1688. May the Blessed Mother reward you manifold and we ask for your continued support. Congratulations to the January 50/50 winner of \$65: L.B. Thomas (State College, PA) who supports our raffle drawings each month.

## *Happy Birthday*

February 1:	Sam Elias, Clara Morris
February 2:	David John
February 4:	Lindsay Carl
February 6:	Debbie Shia
February 9:	Fr. Bakhos Chidiac, Michael DiFabrizio
February 10:	Sandra DeMuth, Angela Schultz, Betty Shia
February 11:	Charlotte Khourey
February 14:	Diane Frenn
February 15:	Nettie Seidler, Monica Burns
February 16:	Josephine Joseph, Dave Sengewalt

February 17: Victoria John, Rebecca DiFabrizio

February 18: Barb McLaughlin

February 21: Louie Khourey

February 25: Isaac Stephens

February 27: MaryAnn Carl

## *Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List*

### Please Remember Those Hospitalized Recently In Your Prayers:

Rosella Saseen, Laura & Marion Wellman, Eva Lee Powel, Sam Elias, Catherine Arthur

### Also please pray for those who asked us to pray for them:

Jim & Judy Miller, Mary Piko, Theresa Sofka, Bernard Olako, Kathy Siebieda (daughter of our architect), Gene Singleton (Parkersburg), Ervin Splatt (WI), Jennie Bedway (PA), Virginia Khourey Bryan (aunt of Lou Khourey in Toledo, OH), Richard & Mary Ryncarz (Shadyside, OH), Manell Brice (Arlington, VA), Rose Mary Bris-Roybal (Albuquerque, NM), John Vawter and his mother (brother and mother of Dr. Rob Vawter)

## *Your Church Support Last Week*

1,227	Collection
188	Candles
193	Utilities
900	Donations
160	Parking
305	Hall Rental
100	Refunds
2,710	Painting Fund
5,783	Total. May God reward you many fold

## *What's New?*

### *Parish Condolences: Jennie Bedway*

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Wheeling, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the **Bedway** family on the loss of their beloved **Jennie** who died in the Lord in Pittsburgh, **last Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**. Jennie was the mother of our benefactor Art Bedway, Jr., and Rosemary (& Richard) Poye and grandmother of A.J. Bedway. Fr. Bakhos celebrated the Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Lebanon Church on Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. The choir of the church served the Mass. May the Almighty God grant repose of the soul to His handmaid **Jennie** and we extend the parish's condolences to *her* family in their time of sorrow.

### *Parish Condolences: Millie Saab*

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Wheeling, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the **Saab** family on the loss of their beloved **Millie** who passed away in Morgantown, **last Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Fr. Bakhos and members of the Parish Council went to Morgantown to extend the parish condolences to her husband John, their children –especially her daughter Sheila who is the publicity co-chairperson for our Mahrajan (Festival)– and to the rest of her family. May the Almighty God grant repose of the soul to His handmaid **Millie** and we extend the parish's condolences to *her* family in their time of sorrow.

### *A New Baby Girl*

Our warmest wishes and congratulations go out to Chad and Brandi DiBartolomeo on the birth –on January 7<sup>th</sup>– of their daughter Elyn. She is the granddaughter of Patti and Tony DiBartolomeo and the great granddaughter of our parishioner Lucille Gibbons. May the Lord God and his Blessed Mother bless Elyn and grant her a healthy life and bright future.

## ***Thanks to Women's Society Members for Sunday Donuts***

The donuts we enjoy each Sunday are provided by various members of the Women's Society. We thank each of them who have taken time to bring all the delicious donuts for our enjoyment. Those who helped with the donuts in January were: Charlotte Khourey, Carol Dougherty and, Rita Strawn. Members scheduled to bring donuts in February and March are: Charlotte Khourey (Feb. 1), Kay Garvey (Feb. 8), Sandra Dusick (Feb. 15), Mary Thomas (Feb. 22), Carol Dougherty (March 1), Anna Jalad (March 8) & ?? (March 29).

## ***Girl Scout Cookies Available***

Call parishioner Mary Stees at 242-2026 if you have not yet been contacted about ordering Girl Scout Cookies this year. Cookies available are: Thin Mints, Tagalongs, Trefoils, Do-Si-Dos, Samoas, Lemon Creams, Sugar-Free Chocolate Chip and Dulce de Leche, which is the new cookie this year. Cookies cost \$3.50 per box and should be in the first week of March.

## ***Poor Box***

Please consider sharing your blessings with the brothers and sisters of Christ who knock at our door daily. Many people in the area need assistance in many ways. Some are in dire need some are not, but God alone knows what's in each one's heart. The Poor Box is located at the rear of the church near the Holy Water Font. Fr. Bakhos is using his judgment to help the poor on your behalf and asks each of them to pray for you.

## ***Reflection: Love Your Neighbors***

The time has come . . . for us to start using not just the words of peace, but also the works of peace. We know that we can perform the works of peace, because that is what we have been doing (since we were founded in 1957). We simply go out and take care of sick people in parts of the world where medical care is almost entirely unknown. We take care of them simply and unselfishly. By our deeds, and not by words, we demonstrate what is really in the hearts of the American people. We don't stand up on a platform and talk to them through microphones and loudspeakers. We go into an Asian village and live with the people. We treat their ills, we help to deliver their babies, we go to their weddings, we attend their funerals. We speak to them in a language that they can understand. We don't have to tell them we love them. They know we love them, because if we didn't love them we wouldn't be there ministering to their pathetic needs. Thus, they grow to love us, not just as individuals, but as living symbols of America -the only America they really know. That is why I believe that we are restoring genuine meaning to words like "freedom" and "democracy" and "love" for the people of Southeast Asia.

--Dr. Thomas A. Dooley

## ***Spirituality: Silence before Mass***

Silence is sacred. No words can adequately express the mystery of God. Everything we try to say falls short. In quiet, we can sense God's presence even more deeply than in sound.

At designated times of the Mass, we fall silent to offer prayers, to reflect on the Scripture or to thank God for the Eucharist. But even before the celebration itself it is commendable that silence be observed in the church so that all may dispose themselves to carry out the sacred action in a devout and fitting manner.

Many sounds precede Mass. At home and in the car, you may have the television or radio on, or you may be conversing with family and friends about many things. At church, in the minutes before Mass begins, you might hear people greeting people, someone leading a rosary, coins plunking in the poor box, the choir play a prelude . . . All these sounds serve some purpose, and they help prepare us for the Eucharist.

But some time of silence beforehand helps everyone enter the Mass devoutly. In silent prayer, we think about the role we are to play, the songs we will sing, the prayers we will offer, the Scriptures we will hear, the sacrifice we make, the service we give to our neighbor, and the presence of Jesus Christ, who comes to us in sacrament to nourish us at this Mass and throughout the week. His holiness renders us speechless.

## ***Maronites = Catholics of the East***

### *Chronology of the Maronite Church*

1736 A.D.

Synod of Mount Lebanon formally established to present Maronite dioceses complete with their territorial boundaries and permanent sees.

1800 A.D.

Begins the reign of Bashir II Chehab, ending in exile in 1840 A.D. A Maronite by birth, Bashir II died in 1850 A.D.

1860 A.D.

The massacre of Christians in Lebanon and Syria was only a pretext for the economic and social destruction of the Christian communities. The horrors of the holocaust gave impetus to the exodus of the Christians to various parts of the world which continue to this day. Among the victims were members of the Massabki family: Francis, Abdel Mohti and Raphael. They died at the altar of Saint Francis in Damascus, Syria. Sixty-three years later they were beatified by Pope Pius IX.

1880 A.D.

One of the first Maronite priests to arrive in the United States to serve the growing Maronite community in New York City was the Reverend Korkemaz.

1912 A.D.

The sinking of the S.S. Titanic resulted in the tragic loss of hundreds of lives of Lebanese either emigrating or returning to the United States.

1914 A.D.

The First World War begins with the planned and systematic starvation of the Christians in Lebanon by the Ottoman Turks resulting in the loss of 30% of the Christian population of Lebanon.

1918 A.D.

The First World War ends and France is given the mandate over Lebanon and Syria

1920 A.D.

The country of Lebanon is declared a Republic under the French Mandate.

1941 A.D.

The United States enters into the Second World War after the Japanese armed forces strike Pearl Harbor in a sneak attack on the morning of December 7, 1941.

1942 A.D.

On April 2, 1942, the cause of the Maronite monk, Sharbel Makhoulf (1828-1898) of the Lebanese Maronite Order was introduced for Beatification.

1945 A.D.

The Second World War ends with the tragic loss of over 60 million people worldwide.

1950's A.D.

The Maronite clergy seek approval for the establishment of the Maronite Seminary in the United States.

1961 A.D.

Under the auspices and with the help of the Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washington DC., the Seminary opened on September 24, 1961 and was officially dedicated by his beatitude. Patriarch Paul Peter Meouchi on August 26, 1962.

1961 A.D.

Monsignor Peter Eid purchases 80 acres of land in North Jackson, Ohio for the intent of erecting a shrine in honor of Our Lady of Lebanon. Saint Maron's parish in Youngstown, Ohio, with the cooperation of the Maronite parishes of Akron, Ohio and Newcastle, Pennsylvania seek and receive approval by Pope John XXIII and Bishop Emmut M. Walsh, Bishop of Youngstown, Ohio, to proceed.

*(To be continued in the next bulletin)*

## *Story: Banishing a Ghost*

The wife of a man became very sick. On her deathbed, she said to him, "I love you so much! I don't want to leave you, and I don't want you to betray me. Promise that you will not see any other women once I die, or I will come back to haunt you."

For several months after her death, the husband did avoid other women, but then he met someone and fell in love. On the night that they were engaged to be married, the ghost of his former wife appeared to him. She blamed him for not keeping the promise, and every night thereafter she returned to taunt him. The ghost would remind him of everything that transpired between him and his fiancée that day, even to the point of repeating, word for word, their conversations. It upset him so badly that he couldn't sleep at all.

Desperate, he sought the advice of a priest who lived near the village. "This is a very clever ghost," the priest said upon hearing the man's story. "It is!" replied the man. "She remembers every detail of what I say and do. It knows everything!" The priest smiled, "You should admire such a ghost, but I will tell you what to do the next time you see it."

That night the ghost returned. The man responded just as the priest had advised. "You are such a wise ghost," the man said, "You know that I can hide nothing from you. If you can answer me one question, I will break off the engagement and remain single for the rest of my life." "Ask your question," the ghost replied. The man scooped up a handful of beans from a large bag on the floor, "Tell me exactly how many beans there are in my hand." At that moment the ghost disappeared and never returned. People's reactions to this story:

"Ghosts are just human and can't know or do anything that a human can't."

"No one knows everything. Not even a spirit. You can be wise in some ways, but not in all ways."

"The ghost kept coming back since the man was impressed by how it seemed to know everything. It had power over him. When he finally stood up to it, and challenged it, the ghost disappeared forever."

"The ghost is actually a part of the man. It couldn't know anything that the man himself didn't know."

"The ghost came from the man's own mind—he created it. It was his guilt coming back to haunt him."

"The reason something haunts us is because we keep our attention on it. When we move on beyond it, it will disappear."

"To me, this story just shows that souls have memories, but not enlightenment."

"I don't like the ending. I read the story with high expectations, but felt let down in the end."

"Why didn't the ghost know that the man had seen a priest?"

"If the wife really loved the husband, how could she subject him to such a promise?"

"Everything the ghost knew didn't amount to a handful of beans!"

## *Prayer: Saying Grace In A Restaurant*

Last week, I took my children to a restaurant. My six-year-old son asked if he could say grace. As we bowed our heads he said, 'God is good, God is great. Thank you for the food, and I would even thank you more if Mom gets us ice cream for dessert. And Liberty and justice for all! Amen!'

Along with the laughter from the other customers nearby, I heard a woman's remark, 'That's what's wrong with this country. Kids today don't even know how to pray. Asking God for ice cream! Why, I never!'

Hearing this, my son burst into tears and asked me, 'Did I do it wrong? Is God mad at me?' As I held him and assured him that he had done a terrific job, and God was certainly not mad at him, an elderly gentleman approached the table. He winked at my son and said, 'I happen to know that God thought that was a great prayer.'

'Really?' my son asked. 'Cross my heart,' the man replied.

Then, in a theatrical whisper, he added (indicating the woman whose remark had started this whole thing), 'Too bad she never asks God for ice cream. A little ice cream is good for the soul sometimes.'

Naturally, I bought my kids ice cream at the end of the meal. My son stared at his for a moment, and then did something I will remember the rest of my life.

He picked up his sundae and, without a word, walked over and placed it in front of the woman. With a big smile he told her, 'Here, this is for you. Ice cream is good for the soul sometimes; and my soul is good already.'

## *Joke (527)*

### *Peanuts without Chocolate*

A preacher visited an elderly woman from his congregation. As he sat on the couch, he noticed a large bowl of peanuts on the coffee table.

"Mind if I have a few?" he asked.

"No, not at all," the woman replied.

They chatted for an hour, and as the preacher stood to leave, he realized that instead of eating just a few peanuts, he had nearly emptied the bowl. "I'm sorry for eating all your peanuts; I really just meant to eat a few," he said.

"Oh, that's all right," replied the woman. "Ever since I lost my teeth, all I can do is suck the chocolate off them."

### *Blinding Sweets*

Two young boys were taking their first train ride. Their grandmother had bought them a new kind of superfizzy candy that would practically explode when eaten.

One of the boys ate his candy before his brother. Just as he began to eat, the train went through a tunnel.

A little while later, his brother reached for his candy to eat it. The boy who had already eaten his candy felt it necessary to warn the other. He said, "I'd be real careful with that candy if I were you. When I ate my candy, I went blind for a minute."

### *Fool's Money*

How did a fool and his money get together in the first place?

### *Specialty Nails*

Two novices were trying to build a garage, and one was attaching the siding. He would pick up a nail, look at it, then hammer it in. Then he would pick up another nail, look at it, and throw it away. His friend watched as over and over he looked at each nail and either hammered it in or tossed it over his shoulder. Finally, the friend walked over and asked, "Hey, why are you throwing away half our nails?"

"The points were on the wrong end," the man explained.

"You idiot," bellowed the friend, "Those are for the other side of the house!"

### *Double or Nothing*

A man who was never known for his intelligence returned home after a night out with his friends. He seemed quite disgruntled. His wife asked him what was troubling him.

"Oh, I lost a hundred dollars," the man answered.

His surprised wife asked, "How did you lose that much money?"

"We were watching the football game," he told her, "and I thought they were going to win the game with a field goal on tin final play of the game. I was so sure, I bet Bill fifty dollars that they would score. They didn't score."

His wife thought for a moment and said, "But that's only fifty dollars; I thought you said one hundred dollars."

"Yeah, I know. I was so disgusted that I lost fifty dollars, I made a second double-or-nothing bet with Bill."

"I thought you said it was the final play of the game," his wife responded.

"It was," said the man, "so we bet on the instant replay."